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Docket No. BCS03401/PD05970AM

REMARKS**A. Status of the Application**

As indicated in the Election/Restriction section of the instant office action, the Examiner, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, had required the restriction of the originally filed invention as follows:

- I – Claims 1-24 and 26-47
- II – Claim 25, and
- III – Claims 48-52.

Following a January 21, 2005 telephone interview between the Examiner and the Applicants' counsel, the Applicants elected to withdraw Claims 25 and 48-52. This election is formally made with the filing of this response, and reflected in the preceding "Amendments to the Claims" section. Consequently, the Examiner's restriction requirement has been complied with in as much that only the claims included in restriction "I" are presently under consideration. Claims 25 and 48-52 are drawn to a non-elected invention.

B. Allowed Claims

The Examiner has allowed Claims 16-24.

C. Objections to the Claims

The Examiner objected to claims 6 and 7 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However, the Examiner stated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form with all of the limitations of the base and intervening claims. With the present amendment of independent Claim 1, and dependent Claims 4 and 5, the Applicants believe that claims 6 and 7 (as amended) now include limitations analogous to those in allowed claims 16-24. Applicants request the Examiner's consideration of this point, and the allowance of Claims 6 and 7.

The Examiner also objected to pending Claim 36, noting that the word "supplying" had been misspelled as "suppling". With this response the Applicants have cancelled that claim.

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D. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

1) The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5, 12, 13, 26-29, 35 and 43 as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 5,961,604 ("Anderson"), in view of Compaq "Uninterruptible Power Supply Management Base for SNMP Network Management Information Base for SNMP Network Management", 2000 ("Compaq"). Of these rejected claims, Applicants have cancelled all but Claims 1, 3-5 and 12.

While the detail of the Examiner's rejection is fully appreciated by the Applicants, they do not find any reference in Anderson that would suggest or invite a combination with the SNMP-related processes suggested by Compaq, nor do they share the Examiner's contention that such a combination would have indeed been obvious, at the time of invention, for one of ordinary skill in the art. The Applicants believe the SNMP environment of the Compaq reference to be unrelated to that of the Anderson reference. However, it is hoped that this point need not be argued at this juncture.

In deference to the Examiner's determination that Claim 16 is presently allowable, the Applicants have herein amended independent Claim 1 so as to bring it into compliance with the scope of Claim 16. In doing so, the Applicants believe that Claim 1 (and Claims 3 and 4 which depend thereon), are now in condition for allowance, and request the Examiner's consideration.

2) The Examiner also rejected Claims 8-11 as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Anderson, in view of Compaq, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,602,627 ("Liu"). Claims 8-11 are still presently pending. Again, the Applicants believe that with the amendment of independent Claim 1, and dependent Claim 4, upon which Claims 8-11 depend, Claims 8-11 are now in condition for allowance. As previously stated, the Applicants believe that the amendment of Claim 1 has brought it into compliance with the scope of allowed Claim 16. Your reconsideration of Claims 8-11 is respectfully requested.

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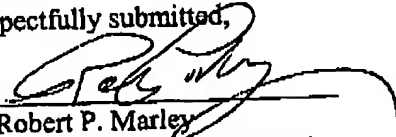
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CONCLUSION

Applicants thank the Examiner for his decision with respect to pending claims 16-24, and respectfully request that the Examiner consider the presently amended pending claims in condition for allowance, and pass this application to issue.

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